power stations have been affected to some extent this year due to power disruptions and very heavy rains resulting in lower production coupled with agitations and adverse law and order situation.

(b) The present monthly linkage of coal for the thermal power stations of Tamil Nadu for quarter October-December' 90 is as under:

(In lakh tonnes per month)

Ennore	1.9
Tuticorin	2.6
Mettur	2.5

(c) Steps have been taken to improve coal supplies to the various power stations of Tamil Nadu Electricity Board, include sanction of linkages as per requirement of generation, augmentation of supplies from Coal India sources and constant monitoring of coal despatches.

(d)Coal production and despatches have improved significantly in recent months. Hence import of coal for power houses is not being permitted.

Finalisation of site for setting up IIT in Assam

308. DR NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the alternative site identified by the Assam Government for setting up the proposed IIT has been finalised; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, by when it is likely to be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) and (b) No Sir. It is too early to indicate the time by when the site would be finalised for establishment of IIT in Assam.

Framing of duty roster of airhostesses in Indian Airlines

309. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) with what motive the Indian Airlines frame the duty roster in such a way that airhostesses based at one particular reion are made to halt for one or more nights at different regions even though such eventuality could be easily avoided by a more thoughtful framing of the duty roster;

(b) whether Government propose to direct the Indian Airlines to frame the duty roster in such a manner whereby the female crew are not detained for night halts at regions different from their base; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARMOHAN DHAWAN): (a) Duty roster of airhostesses is drawn up according to operational requirements, keeping in view the Flight and Duty Time limitations. Night halts at outstations therefore becomes unavoidable in some cases.

(b) and (c) It is not practicable to eliminate completely night halts at outstations in view of the operational requirements. Government do not therefore consider it necessary to give any direction in this regard to the Indian Airlines.

Setting up of Central University in Assam

310. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Central University in Assam; and

(b) if so, by when the Bill for the purpose is likely to be introduced in Parliament?